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SUBJECT: BANDA REJECTS SITHOLE ZANU REQUEST TO HOLD PARTY
CONVENTION IN MALAWI IN APRIL

REF: LILONGWE 0388

MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE, HIGH COMMISSIONER RITCHIE, HAS
INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS ALSO CALLED IN TO TALK WITH
PRESIDENT BANDA ON MARCH 12 ON SAME MATTER COVERED IN
REFTEL. BANDA TOOK SAME LINE WITH HIM THAT HE DID WITH ME.
HE MENTIONED ADDITIONAL POINT THAT ITHOLE ZANU REPRESENTATIVE,
MALINDIBN HAD THAT DAY VISITED HIM AND ASKED HIS PERMISSION
TO HOLD A ZANU PARTY CONVENTION IN MALAWI TO BE ATTENDED
BY ZANU MEMBER FROM ALL OVER AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. MALINDI
HAD INFORMED THE PRESIDENT THAT ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES
OF THE CONVENTION WAS FOR SITHOLE TO GET ENDORSEMENT OF
PROPOSAL TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND GET DOWN TO NEGOTIATIONS.

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BANDA REPORTEDLY TOLD MALINDI THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO KNOW
THAT ZANU HAD AT LONG LAST SEEN THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE. HE
HAD, HOWEVER, REJECTED THE SITHOLE PROPOSAL FOR A CONVENTION
IN MALAWI SUGGESTING IF IT WAS TO BE HELD AT ALL IT SHOULD
BE HELD IN RHODESIA. BANDA AGREED TO DO HIS BEST TO PERSUADE
SMITH TO ALLOW ZANU MEMBERS INTO RHODESIA WITHOUT FEAR OF
ARREST AND SAID HE WOULD GET A MESSAGE TO SMITH IN A

FEW DAYS TIME.
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